

- A 19-year-old collector was killed when he was hit by a car. He was loading garbage into the truck. The sanitation truck was parked half on and half off the road.
- A 28-year-old collector was riding on the back of a sanitation truck. The truck was backing up. He fell and was run over and killed by the truck.
- A 30-year-old collector was on the riding step. He was crushed to death when the truck side-swiped a pole.
- A 21-year-old collector was directing a truck as it backed up. He jumped on the running board, slipped, and hit his head on the street. He died from his injuries.
- A 52-year-old collector died when a dumpster swung around and crushed him between the truck and dumpster.

Remember
Be safe

You can prevent injuries.

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Don't Get Hurt Working Around Sanitation Trucks



From 1991 to 2001, **24 workers were killed** while working on or near sanitation trucks in New Jersey. **Many more were injured.**

- Ten workers were killed by vehicles. Six were run over by the sanitation truck. Four were run over by a car.
- Ten workers who were riding on the riding step were killed.
- Three workers were crushed to death between the truck and a dumpster.
- One driver was killed when his truck hit a car.

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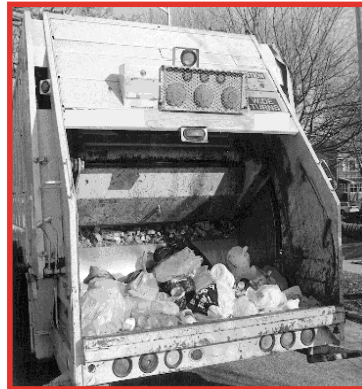


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COLLECTORS

How can you avoid getting hurt?

- Stay alert.
- Wear light or brightly colored clothing. Wear reflective vests.
- Watch out for cars.
- Know where your truck is. Don't stand behind a truck when it is backing up.
- Don't ride on the truck if it is going more than 10 miles per hour.
- Don't stand on the riding step if the truck is moving backwards.
- Don't jump on to the riding step while the truck is moving.
- Stand to the side of the truck while compacting.
- Stand clear of dumpsters.



Stay Alert

DRIVERS

How can you avoid hurting someone?

- Drive carefully.
- Be sure all lights and backup beepers are working.
- Always know where your collectors are.
- Don't move the truck unless you can see where all workers are.
- Don't back up the truck unless you first signal all collectors.
- Don't back up the truck if anyone is standing on the riding step.
- Drive slower than 10 miles per hour if workers are riding on the step or platform.
- Park the truck on the right side of the road.
- Use a co-worker as a spotter when backing the truck.

Always drive carefully